

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A power transmission system of an engine for transmitting engine power to a driving wheel, said power transmission system comprising:

a crankshaft driven by ~~[[an]]~~ the engine, said crankshaft being arranged in a vehicle body in a widthwise direction of the vehicle body;

a sub-shaft which is arranged parallel to said crankshaft and non-concentric with the crankshaft and to which the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted via a rotary transmission member; and

a belt type continuously variable transmission including a primary shaft arranged concentrically with said sub-shaft and provided with a primary pulley having a variable groove width and a secondary shaft; said secondary shaft being provided with a secondary pulley coupled to said primary pulley via a belt and having a variable groove width,

wherein the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted to said primary shaft via said sub-shaft arranged parallel to said primary shaft, and

a clutch member is arranged between said sub-shaft and said primary shaft.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said crankshaft is mounted with a generator ~~and wherein said sub-shaft is mounted with a recoil starter.~~

4. (currently amended) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim ~~[[2]]~~ 3, ~~wherein said crankshaft is mounted with a generator and wherein said sub-shaft is mounted with a recoil starter.~~

5. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said crankshaft is arranged in front of said primary shaft in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle body.

6. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said secondary shaft is arranged behind said primary shaft in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle body.

7. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said rotary transmission member is a pair of gears mounted on said sub-shaft and said crankshaft.

8. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, comprising:

a crankcase that mounts said crankshaft, and

wherein said clutch member is arranged in said crankcase.

9. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 8, wherein said clutch member is a centrifugal clutch.

10. (new) A power transmission system of an engine for transmitting engine power to a driving wheel, said power transmission system comprising:

a crankshaft driven by the engine, said crankshaft being arranged in a vehicle body in a widthwise direction of the vehicle body;

a sub-shaft which is arranged parallel to said crankshaft and to which the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted via a rotary transmission member; and

a belt type continuously variable transmission including a primary shaft arranged concentrically with said sub-shaft and provided with a primary pulley having a variable groove width and a secondary shaft; said secondary shaft being provided with a secondary pulley coupled to said primary pulley via a belt and having a variable groove width,

wherein the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted to said primary shaft via said sub-shaft arranged parallel to said primary shaft; and

said crankshaft is mounted with a generator.

11. (new) A power transmission system of an engine for transmitting engine power to a driving wheel, said power transmission system comprising:

a crankshaft driven by the engine, said crankshaft being arranged in a vehicle body in a widthwise direction of the vehicle body;

a sub-shaft which is arranged parallel to said crankshaft and to which the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted via a rotary transmission member; and

a belt type continuously variable transmission including a primary shaft arranged concentrically with said sub-shaft and provided with a primary pulley having a variable groove width and a secondary shaft; said secondary shaft being provided with a secondary pulley coupled to said primary pulley via a belt and having a variable groove width,

wherein the rotation of said crankshaft is transmitted to said primary shaft via said sub-shaft arranged parallel to said primary shaft; and

said sub-shaft is mounted with a recoil starter.

12. (new) The power transmission system of an engine according to claim 1, wherein said sub-shaft is mounted with a recoil starter.

13. (new) The power transmission system according to claim 8 wherein said clutch member is a centrifugal clutch.